

Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Physical Damage Disaster Loans for damages caused by severe winter storm and flooding that occurred on December 11, 2008 and continuing:

The deadline to file an application for physical damage is **March 6, 2009**. Private, Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature located in the following counties are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA: Essex, Middlesex and Worcester (among others). Examples of eligible non-critical PNPs include but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges. PNPs may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. Interest rates are as low as 4 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition.

To obtain disaster loan information and application forms call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 9PM.

disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance

Other Important Resources:

Visit the website which connects America's entrepreneurs with tax management tools and strategies to maximize savings from the 2008 Economic Stimulus Package.

<http://www.sba.gov/stimulus/>

Boston District Office

10 Causeway Street, Room 265
Boston, MA 02222
(617) 565-5590

For a free Massachusetts Resource Information Packet email: MassachusettsDO@sba.gov

The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network's Northeast Regional Office, in conjunction with the Small Business Administration, provides free and confidential business advising and free or low-cost business seminars to help you raise capital, start or grow your business in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Northeast Regional Office
Enterprise Center, 121 Loring Avenue
Suite 310
Salem, MA 01970
978-542-6343

www.salemstate.edu/sbdc/

BUSINESS RESOURCES FOR GOING GLOBAL:

With offices across the United States and in more than 75 countries, the U.S. Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration uses its global Network and international resources to connect U.S. companies with international buyers worldwide.

Below are upcoming Commercial Service initiatives designed to connect you to business opportunities around the world.

- 1) [Webinar Series: Understanding and Complying with the New Foreign Trade Regulation \(FTR\) Requirements](#)
- 2) [Town Hall Meeting/Workshop Series: Automated Export System \(AES\) Compliance](#)
- 3) [Webinar: European CE Marking: New Machinery Directive](#)
- 4) [Event: National District Export Council Conference](#)
- 5) [Trade Mission: U.S. Commercial Service Trade Mission to Panama](#)
- 6) [Trade Show: International Manufacturing Technology Show \(IMTS 2008\)](#)

Please click on the above links to learn more about each opportunity.

If you have any questions about these initiatives, please contact your local U.S. Commercial Service trade specialist at:

Boston U.S. Export Assistance Center

JFK Federal Building

55 New Sudbury St., Suite 1826A

Boston, MA 02203

<http://www.buyusa.gov/massachusetts/>

P: 617-565-4301

F: 617-565-4313

E: Office.Boston@mail.doc.gov

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES:

Coming Up Taller Awards

By honoring excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for young people through the Coming Up Taller Awards, the Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities seeks to promote a creative, engaged, skilled, and confident generation of young people. Each year the Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and reward excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. The awards recognize programs that use the arts and the humanities to encourage young people's creativity and to provide them with learning opportunities, chances to contribute to their community, and ways to take responsibility for their own futures. The awards also celebrate the contributions that educators, curators, historians, scholars, librarians, and artists make to families and communities by mentoring and teaching children.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities.

For more info:

Coming Up Taller Awards, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 526, Washington, DC 20506, telephone: (202) 682-5409, website: www.cominguptaller.org

UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students program supports the implementation and enhancement of integrated, comprehensive community-wide plans that create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy childhood development.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Local education agencies and institutes of higher education and partnerships of LEAs and not-for-profit organizations.

For more info:

Karen Dorsey, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., PCP, Room 10061, Washington, DC 20202-6450, telephone: (202) 245-7858, email: karen.dorsey@ed.gov, website:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-31024.htm>

Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools - Partnerships in Character Education Programs

Under this program, the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools provides funding to design and implement character education programs that can be integrated into classroom instruction and that are consistent with state academic content standards. Applicants must describe how parents, students, students with disabilities (including those with mental or physical disabilities), and other members of the community, including members of private and nonprofit organizations and faith-based and community organizations, will be involved in the design and implementation of the program and how the eligible entity will work with the larger community to increase the reach and promise of the program.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

State education agencies, in partnership with one or more local education agencies or local education agencies and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations, and an institution of higher education; a local education agency or consortium of local education agencies; and local education agencies in partnership with one or more nonprofit organizations or entities, including faith-based and community organizations, and an institution of higher education.

For more info:

Sharon J. Burton U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 10102, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP) Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 245-7867, email: sharon.burton@ed.gov, website: www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=44487

Foundations for Learning

The Foundations for Learning program supports projects to help eligible children become ready for school.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Local education agencies, local councils, not-for-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, and partnerships of such entities.

For more info:

Dana Carr, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 10096, PCP, Washington, DC 20202-6450, telephone: (202) 245-7868, email: dana.carr@ed.gov, website: www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-4/122408a.html

Office of Innovation and Improvement -Teaching American History Grant Program

The Teaching American History Grant Program supports projects that aim to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of traditional American history. Grant awards assist local educational agencies, in partnership with entities that have extensive content expertise, to develop, implement, document, evaluate, and disseminate innovative, cohesive models of professional development. By helping teachers to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of traditional American history as a separate subject within the core curriculum, these programs are intended to improve instruction and raise student achievement.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Local educational agencies, in partnership with one or more of the following entities: institutions of higher education; non-profit history and humanities organizations; and libraries and museums.

For more info:

Alex Stein or Mia Howerton, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4W206, Washington, DC 20202-5960, telephone: (202) 205-9085, email: TeachingAmericanHistory@ed.gov, website: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-30554.htm>

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education - Improving Literacy through School Libraries Competition Program

The purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to:

- up-to-date school library materials;
- well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and
- well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Local education agencies, in which at least 20 percent of the students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line.

For more info:

Irene Harwarth, U.S. Department of Education , 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E244, Washington, DC 20202-6200, telephone: (202) 401-3751, email: irene.harwarth@ed.gov, website: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E8-31460.pdf>

UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention-Gang Prevention Coordination and Assistance Program

The Gang Prevention Coordination and Assistance Program provides grants to help reduce gang membership and affiliation, as well as to enhance coordination of federal, state, and local resources in support of community partnerships implementing the following antigang strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and targeted gang enforcement.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and public agencies.

For more info:

Stephanie Rapp, Program Manager, telephone: (202-514-9123), email: stephanie.rapp@usdoj.gov, website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/GangPrevention.pdf>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - National Mentoring Programs

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention invites eligible applicants to propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

National organizations, including faith-based and community nonprofit organizations, defined as having a presence in one or more states in at least four of six regions, having materials or programs that are used by organizations located in at least one state in four of the six regions, or having pioneered programs that serve as a basis for other organizations and provide training or technical assistance in at least one state in four of the six regions.

For more info:

Eric Stansbury, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, telephone: (202) 305-1826, email: Eric.Stansbury@usdoj.gov, website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/NationalMentoring.pdf>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Youth Violence Prevention Grants

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will award grants to assess the efficacy of community policy, economic, and environmental changes aimed at reducing youth violence.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies.

For more info:

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Extramural Resources Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Hwy NE, Mailstop F-63, Atlanta, GA 30341, telephone: (770) 488-4037, fax: (770) 488-1662, email: CIPERT@cdc.gov, website: www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE09-009.htm
